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In re Application of:) Conf. No.: 8997
David WALLACH et al)
Appln. No.: 09/155,676) Art Unit: 1635
Filed: January 4, 1999) Examiner: J. Epps
For: MODULATORS OF TNF RECEPTOR) March 20, 2002
ASSOCIATED FACTOR (TRAF),)
THEIR PREPARATION AND USE)

AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of November 20, 2001, petition for a one-month extension of time and payment being attached hereto, please amend as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 51 and 53 as follows:

51 (Amended). A polypeptide that binds to TRAF2 and modulates the activity of NF- κ B, said polypeptide comprising:

a) the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:2, an amino acid sequence encoded by the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO:6, or the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:5;

b) an amino acid sequence of a fragment of a), which fragment binds to TRAF2 and modulates the activity of NF- κ B;

c) an amino acid sequence of an analog of a) or b), having no more than ten changes in the amino acid sequence